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TAGS: ENRG, NO

SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN POSITION ON IEP

1. FOR BRUSSELS. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
ENDERS TO DAVIGNON. "OUR MOST RECENT INFORMATION FROM OSLO  
SUGGESTS THAT ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING THE NORWEGIANS  
ALONG ON THE IEP HAVE NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED. WHILE THE ODDS  
DO INDEED SEEM TO BE AGAINST A NORWEGIAN DECISION  
TO ACCEPT FULL MEMBERSHIP, CERTAINLY AT AN EARLY DATE,  
WE THINK IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE KEEP UP THE PRESSURE FOR  
POSITION ACTION AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH. IF BY THE TIME  
THE IEP IS ACTUALLY IN EXISTENCE THE NORWEGIANS HAVE  
STILL NOT COME ALONG, WE CAN THEN CONSIDER AS A BODY  
WHETHER OR NOT SOME FORM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN WHICH  
THEY UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE GENEROUS ASSISTANCE TO THE GROUP  
IN TIMES OF CRISIS (NOT 18,000 BARRELS A DAY BUT A QUARTER  
OR HALF A MILLION) IN RETURN FOR RELEASE FROM FULL  
AUTOMATICITY IS APPROPRIATE: BUT FOR THE PRESENT, NO

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RPT NO INDICATION THAT THIS IS A REAL POSSIBILITY SHOULD

BE GIVEN TO THE NORWEGIANS. NOTE THAT IT MAY TAKE THE NORWEGIANS AT LEAST AS LONG TO SORT OUT ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AS FULL MEMBERSHIP, AND THUS THAT IT IS NO GAIN TO OFFERING THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AT THIS TIME.

WE PRESUME THAT THE RESULT WILL BE A SITUATION IN WHICH ELEVEN COUNTRIES PLUS MAYBE SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA GO AHEAD ON NOVEMBER 18."

2. FOR OSLO. SECTO 16 BEING REPEATED TO YOU GIVING THE SECRETARY'S REASONING UNDERLYING THIS POSITION. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS THE NORWEGIANS IN EVERY WAY YOU THINK PRODUCTIVE TO ADVANCE TOWARDS A POSITIVE DECISION ON THE IEP. PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY IF THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS LIKELY TO BE HEADED TOWARDS A NEGATIVE DECISION AT ANY POINT BEFORE NOVEMBER 18. SUGGEST YOU CONCERT WITH BRITISH AND DANISH AMBASSADORS ON PROPER APPROACH TO THE NORWEGIANS.

3. FOR LONDON. PLEASE PASS POSITION TO WILLIAMS AND MAITLAND AND ASK THEIR ASSISTANCE IN OSLO IN KEEPING THE PRESSURE UP ON NORWEGIANS TO JOIN THE IEP.

4. FOR COPENHAGEN. PLEASE COMMUNICATE ABOVE DECISION TO CHRISTIANSON AND RIBBERHOLT. INGERSOLL

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